

# MOORINGS

Generally you can moor anywhere that is not a private garden or does not have a 'No Mooring' sign. The mudweight will hold on most Broads in a reasonable wind but keep an eye open for the dragging in strong winds - Salhouse Broad does not have a muddy bottom and mudweights do not hold even in a light wind. Make sure you use fenders if you moor against a hard bank, and watch for tree branches and underwater roots. Some of the older quay heading at informal moorings is not in good condition so watch for protruding bolts and uneven ground behind.

Mooring in the open Broads is very pleasant - why not take a dinghy for a run ashore or to explore the backwaters.

Broads Authority 24-hr moorings in the popular spots fill quickly (they are listed in the Green Book on p 21). Many are for stern mooring only so mooring is not easy and it can feel quite intimidating to be between two large motor-cruisers. Also, fumes from engines running to keep heaters and batteries going can be unpleasant - quoting By-law 84 rarely has any effect. Moorings at Pubs are usually only for customers but most will reserve a mooring if you phone ahead.

Below is a selection of moorings that are worth mentioning:

Location	Remarks
<b>Thurne</b>	
Thurne Dyke	Close to Hunters Yard. Pay at the pub if mooring on the north bank and at the farm if on the south bank.
Repps	There are 2 moorings at Repps on the SE bank of the Thurne - only a short walk from Potter Heigham but quieter than by the bridge.
West Somerton	A peaceful mooring in beautifully clear water.
<b>Hickling etc</b>	
Deep Dyke	A nice mooring within site of Hickling Broad but is rather exposed. Deep Go Dyke and Whiteslea 24hr moorings further south are more sheltered.
Horsey - Waxham Cut	A quiet mooring at the start of Waxham Cut off the NW corner of Horsey Mere.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Bure</b>	
Fleet Dyke	Good moorings on the double bend before South Walsham Broad with path to village - more closer to the Broad but busier.
South Walsham Broad	A good mudweight mooring - small quay for dinghies only.
St Benets Abbey	A popular mooring with an interesting walk to the ruins and plenty of activity on the river to watch.
Ranworth Broad	A good mudweight mooring. Hunter boats may use the dinghy dyke in the evening but must be away early in the morning - dyke is shallow at the end.
Horning Church	Good position but only space for 2 boats.
Cockshoot Dyke	A short dyke off the Bure - interesting nature trail.
Blackhorse Broad (Hoveton Little Broad)	Mudweight mooring only. Quiet.
Salhouse Broad	Peaceful broad off the Bure. Stern moorings.
<b>Ant</b>	
How Hill	A good place to moor to visit How Hill but the quay heading is high.
How Hill to Barton Broad and Barton Broad to Sutton	Several good small informal moorings but watch the mast in the trees and underwater roots.
Barton Broad and Wood End Dyke	Plenty of good mudweight mooring round the edges of the broad. Don't worry about the channel markers - the broad is deep enough nearly everywhere.  Wood End Dyke (off east side of Broad just north of the island) has one public mooring on south side before you reach the private moorings.
Gay's Staithe	Mostly stern mooring. Can be peaceful. Short walk to good toilets.
Sutton Broad	Good mudweight moorings in peaceful setting.